

### **Remarks**

The undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments, the following remarks and the concurrently submitted terminal disclaimer.

In this response, claims 15-41 have been cancelled without prejudice, claim 3 has been amended to correct a minor informality and twenty-eight new claims (i.e., claims 42-69) have been added to provide a set of method claims having step-plus-function elements and a set of computer-readable medium claims paralleling claims 1-14. Hence, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-14 and 42-69 are presented for examination.

### **Claim Rejections Double Patenting**

In the Office action, the only identified ground for rejecting claims 1-14 is a nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of Applicant's previously issued US Patent No. 6,292,787. The undersigned submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection. Consequently, the undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the double patenting rejection and allow the pending claims.

### **New Claims**

The undersigned proposes herein adding twenty-eight new claims (i.e., claims 42-69) to provide a set of method claims having step-plus-function elements and a set of computer-readable medium claims paralleling allowable claims 1-14. Due to the similarities among new claims 42-69 and allowable claims 1-14, the new claims should be amenable to a quick review to confirm their allowability.

### **Conclusion**

The undersigned respectfully submits the amendments, remarks and concurrently provided terminal disclaimer obviate the double patenting rejection.

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Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests the Examiner to promptly issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-14 and 42-69.

**Request for a Telephone Interview**

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite allowance of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-284-5103.

Respectfully submitted,

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